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PDPA
Rank Order of PDPA Leadership (1981)

We have acquired a booklet entitled Handbook for Party Activists of the Democratic People's Party of Afghanistan. The booklet, which is in Afghan Persian, has no attribution, but judging from the quality of the paper and the printing, it was probably published in the USSR. Since the last PDPA plenum it mentions was the sixth, held in June 1981, the booklet probably came out later in that year.

While the booklet lists members of the Central Committee of the PDPA in alphabetical order, members of the Politburo and Secretariat are listed in what apparently was a rank order at that time.

Politburo Members

- Babrak Karmal
- Soltan Ali Keshtmand
- Anahita Ratebzad
- Salah Mohammad Zeral
- Ghulam Dastagir Panjsheri
- Nur Ahmad Nur
- Najibullah
- Mohammad Aslam Watanjar
- Mohammad Rafi

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Alternate Members of the Politburo

Mahmud Baryalai
Mohammad Danesh

Secretariat

Babrak Karmal
Salleh Mohammad Ziray
Nur Ahmad Nur
Mahmud Baryalai
Niaz Mohammad Mohmond

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